VI.—ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS TO THE SENATE OF THE ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University having requested me that arrangements may be made for the election, according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, of five Members of this Council to the Senate of that University, I have directed that the elections should be held in accordance with the Regulations made under Standing Order No. 80. In accordance with these Regulations, I fix 2 p.m. on the 3rd August 1932 as the latest time by which notice of nominations may be sent to the Secretary.

" If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, there will be an election between 12 noon and 3 p.m. on the 4th August 1932."

VII.—HOUSE COMMITTEE.

* The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— 11-45 a.m.
" I beg to move—

> ' *that, with a view to appoint a House Committee in pursuance of Standing Order No. 84, this Council do proceed to elect six Members to be Members of the said Committee according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote* '."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to inform the House that with reference to Regulation 11 of the Regulations for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 3 p.m. to-day as the time by which the nominations of candidates for election to the House Committee should be sent to the Secretary."

VIII.—DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1932-33.

GRANT VI—IRRIGATION (EXCLUDING CAUVERY-METTUR PROJECT)—RESERVED.

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" Mr. President, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to move—

> ' *that Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs.* 58,300 *under Grant VI—Irrigation (excluding Cauvery-Mettur Project)—Reserved* '.

" Sir, this grant is required for four works which are indicated on the agenda paper. The first of these is to provide for the realignment of the Godavari flood bank on the Polavaram Island. The flood bank was seriously eroded between miles 3/3 and 4/4 this year. The cheapest way of remedying this is to realign the bank from mile 3, so that it will run alongside the local fund earthen road from Amalapur to Yenam. The work is estimated to cost Rs. 21,000. As it is urgent and should be carried out this year, the Government have authorized the starting of the work. As the expenditure can be met by reappropriation, I ask for a token grant of Rs. 100 only.

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"The next item is to provide for the contribution to be made towards the cost of the Central Board of Irrigation. A Central Bureau of Information on irrigation matters has been established by the Government of India for various purposes such as the dissemination of technical information, contact with other countries through publications so as to be in touch with up-to-date methods of engineering, maintenance of a technical library, liaison between the provinces so that the experience gained in one place may be usefully employed at another place, publicity for the purpose of educating public opinion, co-ordination of research work and publication of general and technical papers. The Government of India have asked the various local Governments to subscribe towards its maintenance, the contribution from the Central Government being limited to Rs. 2,500 per annum. The share of the Madras Government has been fixed at Rs. 7,500 per annum. I have therefore come forward with a token demand for Rs. 100, as the required amount can be found by reappropriation.

"The next item refers to the purchase of two new dredgers for Kistna Central Division. The existing grab dredgers Nos. 7 and 8 were purchased about forty years ago and have worked continuously every season. They are now worn out, repair charges have become very heavy and their working is very uneconomical. Further expenditure on the existing grab dredgers would be waste of money. The replacement of the dredgers has become imperatively necessary. It is estimated that these dredgers will cost about Rs. 85,000, of which we hope to find Rs. 27,000, by reappropriation.

"The fourth item relates to the diversion of Tamparaparni flood banks at the Attur Eral and Settupatti sets. As hon. Members are aware there has been a considerable amount of damage done in recent years by floods in the Tamparaparni. High floods in the Tamparaparni in December 1931 caused a number of breaches in the left flood bank above and below the Srivaikuntam anicut. We hope by diverting the flood bank to obviate the difficulties. The Chief Engineer has submitted an estimate amounting to Rs. 28,100, for protecting the right bank of the river at Attur. He has himself approved of two other smaller estimates amounting to Rs. 18,800 and Rs. 10,500 for forming diversion banks at the Eral and Settupatti sets. I have therefore to move for a token grant of Rs. 100, as the money can be found by reappropriation."

* Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether the scale of expenditure on the establishment of the Central Bureau of Information as proposed by the Government of India is justifiable? To me it seems that the expenditure is extravagant, because I happened to be a member of the Government of India Sub-Committee that dealt with this question and I know how money is being spent. It should not be understood that I am in any way opposing this grant, more especially as the amount is required for the establishment of a Board of Engineers concerning irrigational problems. But to me it seems that the scale of expenditure is not altogether justifiable.

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"Then, Sir, with reference to the purchase of two new dredgers for Kistna Central Division, I wish to know whether it is not possible to carry on the work with the existing dredgers only for some more years by repairing them."

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"Sir, the maximum total expenditure which is likely to be incurred by the Central Board of Irrigation is about Rs. 47,500. I am afraid I have not got details of the actual items of expenditure. But I will certainly ask the Government of India to give us those details.

"As regards the purchase of new dredgers, the existing dredgers were purchased in 1893 and they have been working ever since. The machinery has become worn out, the main crankshafts were broken in 1930 and have been temporarily patched up; the boiler of one has been condemned and the working pressure of the other has been reduced from 80 lb. to 60 lb.; the repairing charges are very heavy. I will however communicate the suggestions of my hon. Friend Mr. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar to the Chief Engineer and ask him whether the expenditure can be safely reduced by adopting them."

The demand was put and carried and the grant was made.

GRANT XXI—AGRICULTURE—TRANSFERRED.

* The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor I beg to move—

'*that Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs.* 100, *under Demand XXI—Agriculture—Transferred.*'

"Sir, this sum is required for making provision for carrying out experiments in connexion with dry cultivation in the lower Bhavani project. Sir, in connexion with this scheme the Director of Agriculture has proposed to make certain experiments in consultation with the Irrigation department. These experiments are considered to be necessary and they have to be carried out immediately. The duration of these experiments will be about ten months. The items of expenditure are given in the Explanatory Memorandum. After all the expenditure can be met by reappropriation in the present year's budget. I hope the House will grant this demand."

* Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"I beg to move— 12 noon.

'*that the grant be reduced by Re.* 1.'

"At the outset I may remark that I think that this grant should rather come under an Irrigation Demand rather than under an Agricultural Demand. But the object with which I have moved this amendment is to ask the Government the grounds on which they have made up their minds to treat this Lower Bhavani project as a dry crop scheme and not as a wet crop scheme. I should like to know the data on which they have come to this conclusion. The principle on which irrigation schemes are classed as dry crop or wet crop is briefly as follows. A dry crop scheme can only succeed when the total annual rainfall